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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A method as claimed in claims 1 or 2 wherein the analysis of the  $m$  variables for the selected points involves analyzing relationships between the selected points.

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the Hough transform is for detecting lines and maps a point  $(x,y)$  in image space to points  $(r,\theta)$  in Hough space.